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INTRODUCTION

This Quarterly Technical Summary covers the period 1 November 1981 through 31 January 1982. It consolidates the reports of Division 2 (Data Systems) and Division 8 (Solid State) on the Advanced Electronic Technology Program.

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DATA SYSTEMS

DIVISION 2

INTRODUCTION

This section of the report reviews progress during the period 1 November 1981 through 31 January 1982 on Data Systems. Separate reports describing other work of Division 2 are issued for the following programs:

Seismic Discrimination	ARPA/DSO
Distributed Sensor Networks	ARPA/IPTO
Defense Switched Network Technology	OSD-DCA
Digital Voice Processing	AF/ESD
Digital Voice Interoperability Program	AF/ESD
Packet Speech Systems Technology	ARPA/IPTO
Radar Signal Processing Technology	ARMY/BMDATC
Restructurable VLSI	ARPA/IPTO
Multi-Dimensional Signal Processing	AF/RADC

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DIGITAL INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Phase 1 Integrator cell has been fabricated and tested and the design verified by successful functional operation of a number of chips. Hardware and software for automatic positioning and linking on the new X-Y laser table have been demonstrated. A lateral link using a single level of metal has been developed with resistances in the 1- Ω range with good uniformity and the promise of both higher density and lower capacitance than two-level links.

II. RVLSI CIRCUITS

A. Redesign of Phase 0 Integrator

As a result of experience obtained in diagnosing the Phase 0 Integrator, modifications to reticles above first metal have been made. These incorporate: (1) amorphous silicon in the insulating layer between first- and second-level metal at crossovers to reduce incidence of shorts; (2) large links in second-level metal power jumpers in place of vias so that the power supply buses are segmented and then laser linked to provide defect avoidance; (3) detailed redesign of the link region to eliminate a deep trough from which it was difficult to remove second-level metal.

An additional redesign is in process which incorporates probe pads on all wafer-scale interconnect. At wafer probe, the capacitance will be measured at each of these pads and at each circuit pad. Below-normal capacitance will indicate a line with an open; above-normal capacitance will indicate a short to another line. These data will provide, at wafer probe, a list of usable tracks as well as cells for use by the automated assignment and linker program and reduce the number of time-consuming tests required on the laser table.

B. E²VLSI Spread-Spectrum Integrator

The first run of the spread-spectrum integrator test-chip wafers has been processed. The integrator cell functions properly at wafer probe test at a 0.5-MHz clock rate. Good chips will be packaged and tests made at higher speed.

C. FFT for Radar Applications

Wafer processing of the FFT cells is presently at first-level metal. A relatively minor redesign, placing a probe pad on each wafer-length track, is required before the full wafer version can be started.

The software tools which will be used to perform automatic linking for the FFT wafer have been completed and have been used successfully to route more than 98 percent of the nets for many random distributions of good cells. A system which incorporates an AED 512 color graphics terminal for visual feedback has been developed in which the uncompleted nets can be routed by hand. Improvements in the linking algorithm should continue to raise the success rate for automatic linking.

D. Tester

A Tektronix S3260 test system has been leased and installed, but a connection to our prober has not been made yet. This equipment will enable us to perform testing on wafers and packaged devices up to 20-MHz clock rates. The system will test devices with up to 64 I/O signal pins and, at lower clock rates, with up to 64 input and 64 output pins.

III. RESTRUCTURABLE VLSI TECHNOLOGY

A. Laser Formed Connections

Much of the laser connection work in the past quarter has concentrated on linking Phase 0 Integrator wafers. These first wafers had several processing problems which prevented their being used as full integrators. Nevertheless, on one wafer the signal and power terminals of two 4-bit counter cells were laser linked through wafer-length buses to external wafer pads. These parallel counters were restructured into a single 8-bit counter several times using the laser to make and break connections. The 2-in. wafer was mounted in a Lincoln Laboratory-built 80-pin test jig which demonstrates a technique which might be used to package these large devices.

A second wafer has just undergone complete testing of its bus lines using the laser-linking scheme. In this case each bus line was checked for opens, shorts to its neighbors, and first- to second-level metal shorts using test links. These experiments established the reliability of the barrier protected links. Over 1300 links were made with no apparent failures. Excluding gross processing defects, only 5 unformed links appeared to be shorted on a wafer which contained approximately 50,000 links.

B. Lateral Links

Low-resistance laser linking has been demonstrated in a simple, yet practical lateral structure using one level of metal. The structure is composed of 8- μm -wide Al or AlSiCu metal lines with gaps cut in them on an unpatterned, layered structure of 0.01- μm thermal oxide on top of 0.5- μm undoped polysilicon over 1- μm field oxide, on a Si substrate. The 0.01- μm oxide prevents metal-Si interdiffusion which would otherwise short the unformed links during conventional post-metallization sintering. Over 250 devices have been laser linked across metal gap widths of 1.7, 2.0, and 2.4 μm , and at laser powers ranging from 1.0 to 1.4 W. The typical link resistance is 0.8 Ω (for all gap widths) with a worst-case value of 3.2 Ω . The links carry in excess of 70 mA with no change in resistance. Good linking is obtained even when the laser beam is off target by as much as 2.2 μm . Unprogrammed links with a 2.4- μm metal gap have off-resistances in excess of $10^9 \Omega$ and breakdown voltages of about 80 V.

C. Laser System

A new laser table has been installed which positions the wafer within $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$ across a 2-in. wafer. There is a slight nonorthogonality of motion which is being corrected in the table-positioning program. This computer program directs the table to the position of each link, given its address in terms of cell and track names. An autofocus program has also been implemented in the system, thus completing the first fully operational version of a laser programming system.

IV. SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING

A. Lithography

Use of the DSW system to place four different images from a single reticle on a wafer for the RVLSI work has revealed that the match between levels for certain image positions may vary by 2 μm . This is thought to be due to a combination of pattern-generator error, DSW stepping error, and resist dimensional variation due to exposure fluctuation, all recurring through two or three reticle levels. Occasional improper individual exposures seem to have been eliminated by replacement of the shutter solenoid in the DSW system.

B. Dry Etching

The reactive ion etching system is now functional and produces vertical sidewalls with reasonably high etch rates. A process for plasma etching of polysilicon with either Freon 115 or Freon 13 is undergoing final development. Etch rates of 1500 $\text{\AA}/\text{min}$. in polysilicon and 100 $\text{\AA}/\text{min}$. in oxide have been observed, and the sidewall anisotropy can be controlled with DC bias applied to the RF electrode. In plasma etching of aluminum, it has been found that additions of pure chlorine to the BCl_3 will more than double etch rate with no observable side effects. We have etched 4- μm -thick aluminum with this system with very good results.

C. Second-Level Metal CMOS Processing

The intermetal contact resistance problems encountered when using AlSiCu for both first- and second-level metals have been studied. It is theorized that the Si in the usual AlSiCu-Al two-level metal system quickly diffuses into the Al from the supersaturated AlSiCu at sinter temperatures. This diffusion is thought to provide "mixing" of the Al at interface of the first- and second-level metal and thus low metal-to-metal contact resistance is achieved. This is not possible when both levels of metal are supersaturated with Si, and it was found that an oxide removal process using chromium trioxide - phosphoric acid before deposition of second-level metal was the best of several treatments in producing low via resistance.

Bubbling of second-level metal in large unpatterned metal areas following sinter was traced to insufficient curing of the polyimide which outgassed and caused the metal to blister where the vapor could not escape. Use of a high-temperature (450°C) sinter prior to second-level metallization has corrected this. Polyimide was found to be only 5000 Å thick on some Phase 0 arrays, and where it went over the edge of first-level metal it was perhaps only half that thickness. This thickness will be increased on future runs. Mask changes were made so that amorphous silicon is left under the polyimide at first- and second-level metal crossings so as to reduce the possibility of shorting.

D. CMOS Processing

The fabrication of correlator cells using the CMOS gate array for another Lincoln project has been successfully completed, with chip yield of 70 percent. Several of these are being packaged for further evaluation.

V. DEVICE THEORY

A. Nitrided Oxide

The kinetic model described in the preceding Quarterly Technical Summary* provided a good fit to growth vs time, but could not be reconciled with the experimentally observed dependence of interface growth on temperature or initial oxide thickness. A much-less phenomenologically based model is being prepared which indicates chemical changes in the film that are believed to be associated with the observed electrical changes. We have developed improved techniques for reduction of Auger data which appear capable of providing the nitrogen composition on an atom-by-atom basis through the film thickness. We already have seen that the film is much more heavily nitrided than heretofore considered. A consequence of this heavy

*Quarterly Technical Summary, Advanced Electronic Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, M.I.T. (15 November 1981), DTIC AD-A114319.

degree of nitriding is that water liberated by the nitridation provides competition with the ammonia from the atmosphere to oxidize rather than nitride the interface.

B. Modeling of Photodepopulation of MNOS Diodes

A model of the photodepopulation of MNOS diodes has been developed for use in studying the experimental photodepopulation data obtained previously. Currently, the program for the model is being debugged.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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All the hardware, including a tape drive and a 160-Mbyte hard disk, has been installed on the DEC PDP-11/44 computer and integrated with the UNIX Operating System. Testing of the IMP-11B interface is proceeding as the port expander for the ARPANET IMP becomes operational. On the software side, the TCP/IP protocol will be implemented by acquiring the UNET package from 3COM Corporation. Work is in progress to develop the software interface between UNET and the Lincoln Internal Data Link (LIDL) which will connect to the Amdahl V/8 central computer. Since the present V/8 software support for the NCP protocol involves a completely separate hardware connection to the IMP, development of the TCP/IP protocol support will not impact the present Network access. This dual capability will be helpful during the transition of the ARPANET from NCP to TCP/IP.

To further support this new ARPANET interface, a "C" language compiler is being installed on the Amdahl V/8. One of the first tasks it will perform is that of producing a functionally similar version of the UNET/LIDL connecting software, for the LIDL/Amdahl V/8 link. This is the final bridge between an interactive user of the central facility, through the Lincoln Internal Data Link and PDP-11/44, to the ARPANET.

The graphics software packages DISSPLA and TELL-A-GRAF have been obtained from Integrated Software Systems Corporation and are being installed on both the interactive and batch operating systems. These packages will gradually replace most of the Laboratory's current graphics software which is based on an old system which cannot readily support modern features such as color, high-resolution plots, and multiple-character fonts. While the installation of the software has been relatively easy, a considerable amount of work remains to be done on developing Lincoln operating procedures and educating general users.

**SOLID STATE
DIVISION 8**

INTRODUCTION

This section of the report summarizes progress during the period 1 November 1981 through 31 January 1982. The Solid State Research Report for the same period describes the work of Division 8 in more detail. Funding is primarily provided by the Air Force, with additional support provided by the Army, DARPA, Navy, NASA, and DOE.

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SOLID STATE

DIVISION 8

I. SOLID STATE DEVICE RESEARCH

The response speed of InP optoelectronic switches has been enhanced by using proton bombardment. Response times following bombardment of less than 100 ps have been deduced from photoconductivity measurements.

Individual bit channels of a 4-bit guided-wave electrooptic analog-to-digital converter have been operated at 828 MS/s. The conversion of an analog signal with the highest reported frequency of 413 MHz was demonstrated by means of a beat-frequency test.

A mass-transport phenomenon has been utilized to achieve GaInAsP/InP buried heterostructure (BH) lasers. The novel technique is considerably simpler and more easily controlled than previously reported ones, and has resulted in BH lasers with threshold currents as low as 9.0 mA.

II. QUANTUM ELECTRONICS

An average output power of 7.3 W at a 50-Hz pulse rate has been obtained from a Co:MgF₂ laser, and 20 mJ has been generated in a 200-ns-wide output pulse in Q-switched operation. Scaling relations to extend Q-switched operation to higher energies have been calculated.

As part of an effort to understand the basic mechanisms of the MgF₂:V²⁺ laser, a theoretical fit for the ⁴A₂ + ⁴T₂ zero-phonon absorption spectrum in σ and π polarization has been obtained. The fit indicates the presence of a strong Jahn-Teller interaction for the ⁴T₂ level.

Raman spectra of ultrathin Si films are being investigated as a probe of grain sizes in beam-recrystallized semiconductor materials. A strong broadening, as well as a low-frequency tail in the Si phonon Raman spectrum, is observed as the film thickness is decreased to ~30 Å.

Photolysis of H₂S with an ArF excimer laser has been used to form p-n junctions in GaAs by S-doping. Solar cells having AM1 efficiencies of 10.8 percent have been fabricated from these junctions.

Laser photochemical etching and deposition have been used to fabricate high-aspect-ratio, through-wafer via conductors. This technique for via-conductor fabrication should have application in the assembly of large-area focal-plane detectors.

Heterodyning in the visible has been carried out in GaAs FETs with IFs up to 300 GHz. This high-frequency response was independently verified in mixing experiments in the millimeter and submillimeter regimes. For IFs up to 40 GHz, the LO was injected directly into the gate, and the mixer operated as a three-terminal device.

III. MATERIALS RESEARCH

Measurements on thin-film resistors and n-channel MOSFETs fabricated in zone-melting-recrystallized Si films on SiO₂-coated Si substrates have shown that the sub-grain boundaries in these films have very little effect on electron transport. Minority-carrier-generation lifetimes in the microsecond range have been measured in such films and in epitaxial Si layers grown by chemical vapor deposition on these films. These results indicate that Si-on-insulator structures prepared by zone-melting recrystallization and subsequent epitaxial growth are potentially useful for integrated circuit and bipolar device applications.

To study the relationship between the structure and electrical properties of semiconductor grain boundaries, a novel technique has been developed for preparing bicrystals with specified grain boundary structure by means of vapor-phase epitaxy. A series of GaAs bicrystals has been grown with (110) tilt boundaries differing only in the magnitude of the [110] rotation angle. Initial electrical measurements indicate that the height of the potential barrier associated with these boundaries varies systematically with the rotation angle.

IV. MICROELECTRONICS

By using a top-down, self-aligning process, a joint-gate, vertically stacked CMOS inverter has been fabricated in a multilayer substrate. The nMOS transistor was formed in a layer of laser-recrystallized CVD silicon,

and the pMOS transistor in the underlying single-crystal silicon substrate. The low-frequency gain of the inverter was -12.5, and the rise and fall times were 2 μ s.

Oxygen reactive-ion etching has been used to form a reusable, polyimide membrane mask for the proton exposure of resists. Lines as small as 600 Å have been replicated in PMMA using membranes 1 to 2 μ m thick, a beam energy chosen so that the protons are stopped in the thick areas of the masks, and a dose of 2×10^{13} H^+ cm^{-2} .

A high-speed, CCD-based, two-dimensional correlation system has been built which correlates a 256 x 256-element signal with a 32 x 32-element reference in approximately 1 s; this corresponds to a computation rate of more than 100 million operations per second. The correlation is performed by two CCDs: a programmable transversal filter which performs a series of one-dimensional correlations, and an accumulating memory which sums these operations to form the two-dimensional correlation.

V. ANALOG DEVICE TECHNOLOGY

The performance limits of integrated optical spectrum analyzers have undergone a comprehensive analysis. Improvement in the Bragg cell bandwidth-efficiency product by up to an order of magnitude should be possible through the use of acoustic beam-steering or birefringent-diffraction techniques.

A superconductive convolver has been fabricated and tested in which a niobium-on-sapphire microstrip meander line provides electromagnetic delay for counter-propagating signal and reference waves. Capacitive taps along the delay path feed superconductive lead-niobium tunnel-junction mixers, and the local signal-reference products are summed spatially to form the desired convolution. This technology should provide for programmable matched-filtering of waveforms of up to 10-GHz bandwidth and 100-ns duration.

A sliding-window spectrum analyzer consisting of twelve identical surface-acoustic-wave (SAW) chirp-Fourier transform circuits is under development to process twelve parallel-beam Doppler-shifted CW returns from

an airborne infrared laser radar. Although not all the required reflective-array compressors have been fabricated, tests with existing compressors have shown that every system requirement has been met or exceeded, including an 84-kHz frequency resolution with 10-MHz analyzer bandwidth, >50 dB dynamic range, and sidelobes >25 dB down.

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